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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

November 20, 2002

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2002.

In the Action, restriction is required between:

- (I) Claims 1-6 and 10-12, directed to methods of detecting oxidative stress, classified in class 424, subclass 9.1,
- (II) Claims 7-9, directed to methods of screening for inhibitors of oxidative stress, classified in class 435, subclass 7.21, and

(III) Claims 13-17, directed to methods of treatment using inhibitors of oxidative stress, classified in class 514, subclass 2.

Applicants elect the subject matter of group (I), 1-6 and 10-12, for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse with the understanding that the applicants' rights under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 121 to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter are retained.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2002. A favorable action on the merits of the elected subject matter is believed to be in order and is respectfully solicited.

In the event any fees are required, please also charge our Deposit Account No. 111833.

Respectfully submitted,

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